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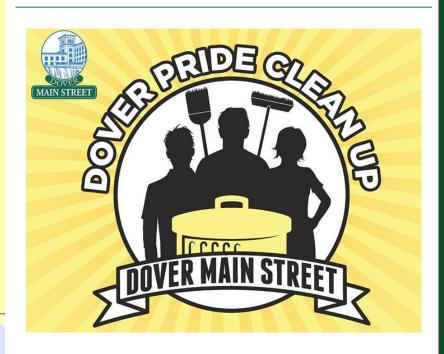
School Board, May 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click <u>here</u>.

School Board, May 13, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9, 2014



Dover Pride Clean Up Day kicks off Saturday

This year's Dover Pride Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Dover Main Street for this annual showcase of civic pride during which hundreds of volunteers help clean up Dover's public spaces, parks and gardens.

This year's sponsors are Centrix Bank, Wentworth Greenhouses, and the Dover Kiwanis, who sponsor the breakfast that starts the day, and to Kendall Pond Pizza

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the workshop agenda, click <u>here</u>.

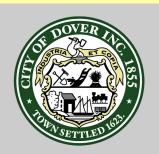
City Council, May 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, click <u>here</u>.

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Coca-Cola who provide all the volunteers lunch at the end of the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit www.dovermainstreet.org or the event's Facebook page.



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FY2015 budget public hearings slated for May 14 and May 21

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., recently presented the proposed fiscal year 2015 budget to the City Council, kicking off several weeks of budget deliberations.

The City Council adopts a budget in June.

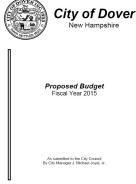
Public hearings on the proposed budget are scheduled for May 14 and May 21. The public hearing on

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, addresses the school portion of the FY2015 proposed budget. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7 p.m.

The public hearing on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, addresses the City portion of the FY2015 proposed budget. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7 p.m.

A summary of both public hearings can be viewed here.

As the budget process continues, visit the City's online



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<u>resource for the FY2015 budget</u>, part of the ongoing Budget Revealed initiative.

The City's online FY2015 budget page will be updated throughout the budget process, including links to the proposed budget and releated materials, department presentations, a calendar of upcoming meetings, video, and much more.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the FY2015 proposed City of Dover budget.

School Board to interview superintendent finalist

The School Board will hold public session with the finalist for superintendent on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. The session, a special meeting of the Dover School Board, will be held in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center, at 7:30 p.m.

The special meeting will be televised on DNTV Channel 22, and rebroadcast on channels 22 and 95, and available online for on-demand viewing.

The session will follow a day-long visit by the candidate, Elaine Arbour, who will meet with staff, students and parents.

During the televised session at 7:30 p.m., Arbour will deliver a sample budget presentation.

Following the special meeting, the School Board will meet in nonpublic session.

For more information, visit the <u>School District's website</u>, or call 603-516-6804.

Public workshop to focus on Dover downtown streetscape study

As part of a series of public input sessions on downtown traffic patterns, the City of Dover is holding a workshop on Thursday, May 15, 2014 to seek additional public input. The workshop will be held in Room 306 at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., from 6 to 8 p.m. The workshop is open to all.

The City is evaluating several alternatives to traffic circulation and pedestrian and bicycle facilities for downtown. One issue to be resolved is whether the downtown's major streets -Chestnut Street, Main Street, Central Avenue, and Washington Street - should remain one-way or change to two-way traffic flow.

At the May 15 workshop, the public can review and refine traffic circulation alternatives.

"We don't want to have these suggestions reviewed blindly; we need the public to see options and to give feedback," said Christopher Parker, AICP, Dover's Director of Planning and Community Development. "The users of the downtown includes residents, businesses owners and consumers, and we want to understand how changes may or may not impact the vibrancy of downtown."

Following the May 15 workshop, the City's consulting team will begin developing a preferred alternative, including more detailed streetscape components such as trees, paving, and furniture; pedestrian amenities such as enhanced crosswalks and narrower crossing distances; and a refined traffic circulation plan. The preferred alternative will also include specific solutions for particular intersections and for overall traffic flow. Another component of the project is to develop streetscape standards for downtown, to help keep Dover's downtown vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and inviting for commerce, recreation, and transportation. The public will able to review the preferred alternative at a later workshop.

For more information, call the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.

Online survey seeks input on Downtown Dover traffic

Have you ever tried to make your way from the Transportation Center to Central Avenue - on foot? How about tried to cross Washington Street to get from Henry Law Park to downtown? Was it easy? Was it hard? Could it be easier? These are the types of experiences, the City and a consulting team led by the Cecil Group want to hear from users of Dover's downtown. To help gather this input, a survey has been created and posted to solicit broader public feedback on the different traffic circulation and access options being evaluated for downtown Dover.

The online survey will remain up until May 24, 2014 and may be accessed via the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov (via the Planning Department's web page) or directly here.

The survey solicits opinions on three design and circulation alternatives that have different approaches to traffic circulation and pedestrian and bicycle facilities for downtown. A major issue to be resolved is whether downtown's major streets-Chestnut Street, Main Street, Central Avenue, and Washington Street-should remain one-way in some fashion, or be changed to two-way traffic flow. These same alternatives were discussed at a public workshop on April 21, 2014 as part of the City's ongoing Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Study.



Dover Chamber to host State of the City May 16

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the

annual state of the city of Friday, May 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss the their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. Among the speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Fire Chief Richard Driscoll, Community Services Director Douglas Steele, and Recreation Director Gary Bannon.

A question and answer session will follow the remarks.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance by <u>clicking here</u>.

The program is sponsored by Public Service of New Hampshire.

Evening of Poetry at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library recently held its 12th annual Student Poetry contest for grades K-12. There were 384 entries received by the deadline and the poems are now in the hands of the judges. Poems are being judged on originality, style and creativity.

Participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Lecture Hall. Refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded in six different categories: Grades K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12.

All students are invited to read their submission poem aloud at this event, but this will be purely voluntary. The public is also warmly invited to attend the readings and award ceremony.

For more information, contact Denise LaFrance at 603-516-6082

Night at the Woodman Returns

Back from its first sold-out run last year, The Woodman Museum will present Night at the Woodman Museum II - Notable Events: The Good, the Bad and the Strange, on Aug. 22, 23, 24.

For those interested in taking part in the production, a

special cast information night will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the Keefe House located on the museum grounds.

With all new material, the production will include 22 scenes of Dover history that will come to life during the hour and a half tour through the grounds of the museum. Learn about the early settlers, their strange laws and about the punishments that took place. See an early grist mill come alive and learn about the fire that destroyed another Dover mill. Meet a civil war soldier who fought at Gettysburg and Captain William Flagg whose crew captured a British cannon and supplied a captured bell to one of Dover's earliest schools. There will also be "President" Mary Dow and Opera star Nellie Brown Mitchell - and the return of Dover's own Marilla Ricker - who ran for Governor even before women could vote. Just what is a Gookin? Come to the museum and find out.

These are just some of the many characters you'll meet that will tell of their notable events in the second annual Night at the Woodman Museum production.

Over 50 people are needed to act and assist in this historical (some say, hysterical) presentation that benefits the museum.

If you're interested in helping out, please complete a cast questionnaire and/or attend the cast information night on May 22.

For more information, contact the museum at 603-742-1038.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also

maintains an online collection of historical information, located at

http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



May 9, 1838 - The town voted to loan the Surplus Revenue deposited with the town by the General Government, to the legal voters in equal proportions.



May 10, 1693 - Tobias Hanson killed by the Indians, as he traveled the path near the west corner of Thomas Downs' field.



May 12, 1675 - In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of Oyster River - Philip Hollet, Jno. Bickford, Robert Burnhams, John Woodman and others, the General Court ordered, "that the petitioners shall have liberty yearly to choose three selectmen, who shall have power to make such rate or rates as they shall see the necessity for the maintenance of the ministry, to be collected by the constables according to law."



May 13, 1729 - The petitioners seeking to set off the northeastern part of Dover as a parish (Somersworth) appeared before the Assembly and were heard by their counsel, resulting in the appointment of a committee "to go on the spot and view the several districts and settle a dividing line according to their best judgments and that the petitioners in the meantime be free from being rated to the minister of the old town, &c. and the major part agreeing shall be accounted sufficient to make return at the next session for confirmation."



May 14, 1849 - Died, Eunice Varney, aged 99 years, 5 months, 21 days - a member of the Society of Friends and the oldest person in town.



May 15, 1732 - The Assembly voted that Oyster River in Dover be a Parish by the name of Durham, and the act was approved by Gov. Belcher on this day.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions. The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click **here**.

To download an application for board and commissions, click **here**. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

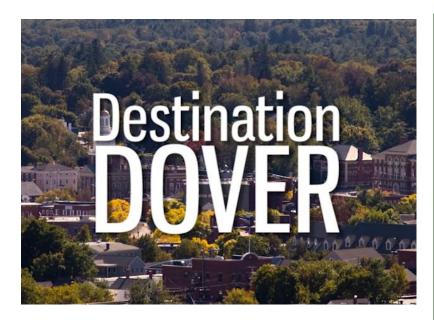
For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

Stay social with your City





Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.





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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click **here**.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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